



## JOINT COUNCIL MEETING of MULMUR TOWNSHIP MELANCTHON TOWNSHIP

March 21, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.

**Council Present** (In Person at the North Dufferin Community Centre)

**Mulmur:** Mayor Horner, Deputy Mayor Hawkins, Councillors Clark, and Cunningham

**Melancthon:** Mayor White, Deputy Mayor McLean, Councillors Neilson, Moore and Plowright

**Staff Present:**

**Mulmur:** Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk

**Melancthon:** Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer

### 1.0 **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Horner called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

### 2.0 **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Mayor Horner shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

### 3.0 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Moved by: Clark, seconded by: McLean.

THAT Janet Horner of Mulmur Township be appointed as Chair for the Joint Council Meeting for the Townships of Melancthon and Mulmur. CARRIED.

### 4.0 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by: Neilson, seconded by: Cunningham.

THAT the Joint Councils approve the agenda, as amended to include Strawberry Supper and Beef BBQ. CARRIED.

### 5.0 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by: Clark, seconded by: Moore.

THAT the Joint Councils approve the minutes of February 6, 2023. CARRIED.

### 5.0 **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None were declared at this time.

### 6.0 **ADMINISTRATION**

## **6.1 NDCC Agreement**

The Joint Councils discussed the role of the Board, committees, and various other governance models to be considered. There were discussions related to the historic contributions, operations, agreements, user-fees, sustainability, facility life-span, grants, fundraising, events and viability for each Township.

There was agreement that the goal of a future committee should be on community building, event organizing and fundraising to create a fund for ongoing community events and capital expenditures at the NDCC.

Melancthon expressed satisfaction with Mulmur undertaking a management role.

Melancthon expressed concerns with the current funding model and will need to further examine what annual fee (toward operational costs) would be sustainable for their Township. It was agreed that this would be a discussion at a future joint meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding capital costs. Melancthon expressed support with considering contributions to capital costs using a project-specific approach. Direction was given for the Treasurer to provide a summary of the capital projections and excerpts of reports on building assessment as well as for the Arena Manager to provide a list of deficiencies (capital).

## **6.2 NDCC Board of Management – Changing Structure to an Events Committee**

Moved by McLean, seconded by Moore.

That the Joint Councils direct the CAO of Melancthon and the CAO of Mulmur to jointly draft a governance model and mandate for an NDCC Community Building & Event Team as discussed. CARRIED.

## **6.3 Number of Users of the North Dufferin Community Centre**

The number of users were discussed, including the number of users from outside of both municipalities and out-of-area user fees.

## **6.4 Food Booth Rental in the Summer**

Scot Robinson presented his proposal to operate the Wood Smoke Shack and utilize the NDCC food booth to increase production and offer a larger menu. No patrons would have access to the NDCC building. The Smoke Shack would be serviced with a porta-potty.

The Joint Council's expressed a desire to use the food booth during events, including but not limited to the Strawberry Supper and Beef BBQ if the events were to be held, and discussed a pro-ratio monthly charge to compensate for the decreased access.

Direction was given to Mulmur staff to incorporate liability clauses, limited access and food booth standard clauses into a Food Booth Agreement.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Hawkins

THAT the Joint Councils receive the Report of Denise Holmes and Tracey Atkinson;

AND THAT the Council of the Township of Melancthon and the Township of Mulmur support the rental of the food booth from May 1 to September 30, 2023, for \$500/month with hydro and propane, to Scot Robinson, The Wood Smoke Shack;

AND THAT the fee be discounted by \$125 per weekend where the Townships utilize the kitchen. CARRIED.

#### **6.5 Strawberry Supper and Beef BBQ (Added)**

Discussion ensued regarding historic fundraising, leadership and attendance at previous events, including the 2022 Strawberry supper. There were discussions regarding combining the events and “re-imagining” the events. There were discussions regarding local talent, age of attendees and community building.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Neilson

THAT the Joint Council direct staff to advertise for a Strawberry Supper on July 1, 2023 and that the Beef BBQ discussion be deferred. CARRIED.

#### **7.0 CONFIRMING MOTION**

Moved by: McLean, seconded by: Cunningham,

THAT all actions of the Joint Council Meeting for the Townships of Melancthon and Mulmur, with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Councils on March 21, 2023 are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; AND THAT each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Council Members at the Joint Council meeting held on March 21, 2023 are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed. CARRIED.

#### **8.0 MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by McLean, seconded by: Cunningham,

THAT the Councils of Melancthon and Mulmur adjourn the meeting at 8:35p.m. to meet again at a date in April at the North Dufferin Community Centre. CARRIED.